

Guidelines on Intelligence Groups Released

Interim guidelines for Harvard faculty and staff members on interactions with U.S. intelligence agencies were issued today by President Derek Bok.

The guidelines, adopted on the recommendation of a committee of four Harvard administrators and faculty members, are contained in the "Report of the Committee on Relationships between the Harvard Community and United States Intelligence Agencies." (Full text begins on page 6 of today's issue.) The 18-page document is the result of a year-long examination of questions raised by an April 1976 report of the U.S. Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with respect to Intelligence Activities.

In that report, the Select Committee expressed concern about recent relationships between the American academic community and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) because of the potential such relationships hold for compromising academic autonomy and integrity. The Select Committee concluded that legislation would be an inappropriate approach to the problem and that the academic community should establish its own ethical and professional standards in this area.

In May 1976, Mr. Bok created the four-member Harvard committee in response to the Select Committee's recommendations.

The Harvard report notes that the committee has made recommendations "where there have been none in the past" and that the report is "not intended as a criticism of the action of any member of the Harvard community." The committee said that it has "no specific knowledge of past or present covert relationships at Harvard."

In drawing up the recommendations, the committee was guided by four assumptions: (1) Because of present international tensions, the U.S. must have "an effective system of foreign intelligence"; (2) U.S. foreign intelligence efforts can, like professional and public service activities, benefit "considerably" from the support of direct or indirect university research activities; (3) Relationships be-

tween U.S. foreign intelligence agencies and universities must be structured to "protect the integrity of universities and the academic profession, and safeguard the freedom and objectivity of scholarship"; and (4) The guidelines should apply equally to relationships with U.S. intelligence agencies other than the CIA.

The interim guidelines fall into six categories:

(1) *Institutional Relationships with the CIA.* Harvard may enter into research contracts with the CIA "provided that such contracts conform with Harvard's normal rules governing contracting with outside sponsors and that the existence of a contract is made public by University officials."

(2) *Individual Consulting Arrangements with the CIA.* "Individual members of the Harvard community may enter into direct or indirect consulting arrangements for the CIA to provide research and analytical services." Such arrangements are to be reported in writing to the dean of the individual's faculty. The dean in turn will inform the President of the University.

(3) *CIA Recruiting on Campus.* There should be no covert recruiting at Harvard. Any member of the Harvard community who is a CIA recruiter should report that status in writing to the dean of the appropriate faculty, who will inform the President and "the appropriate placement offices within the University." Recruiters should not give the CIA names of other Harvard affiliates without the individual's prior consent.

(4) *Operational Use of Members of the Academic Community.* Members of the Harvard community should not undertake intelligence operations for the CIA, nor should they lend their names or positions to the endorsement of materials known to be misleading or untrue.

(5) *The "Unwitting" Use of Members of the Academic Community.* Individuals should not assist the CIA in obtaining the unwitting services of another member of the Harvard community. Neither should the CIA employ Harvard affiliates "in an unwitting manner."

(6) *Interpretation and Application of These Guidelines.* Questions on the interpretation and application of the guidelines should first be discussed with the dean of the appropriate faculty. If necessary, they may be discussed with the President or a member of his staff.

"We recognize," the report states, "that our recommendations . . . may make it more difficult for the CIA to perform certain tasks. This loss is one that a free society should be willing to suffer. We do not believe that present relationships between the CIA and the academic community, as outlined by the Select Committee, can continue without posing a serious threat to the independence and integrity of the academic community. If the academic community loses some of its independence, self-respect and the respect of others, our society has suffered a serious loss. We believe that the potential harm to the academic enterprise, and consequently to our society, far outweighs the potential losses that the CIA may suffer."

Members of the committee are Archibald Cox, Carl M. Loeb University Professor; Dean Don K. Price (Faculty of Public Administration, John F. Kennedy School of Government); Dean Henry Rosovsky (Faculty of Arts and Sciences); and Daniel Steiner, General Counsel to the University.